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Title: METHODS FOR PREPARING  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES  
CONTAINING NON-  
STANDARD NUCLEOTIDES

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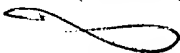
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**WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND PAYMENT OF  
DEFICIENCY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.28(C)**

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Sir:

With regard to the above-referenced patent, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$750.00 for payment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(c) of the deficiency between the issue fee paid for the patent and the large entity fee, in accordance with the PTO fee schedule currently in effect.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c), Applicant hereby requests correction of small entity status in the above-identified patent. The small entity status was established in good faith and the original payment in the small entity amount of the issue fee was made in good faith; however, it was later discovered that such status as a small entity was established in error. Acceptance of this deficiency payment under 37 CFR, § 1.28(c) is respectfully requested. The patentee withdraws its claim for small entity status for this patent.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c)(2), below is the calculation and itemization of the deficiency owed:

Type of Fee Erroneously Paid: Issue Fee (1.18(a)).

Small Entity Fee Amount / Date Paid: \$650.00 / March 13, 2003.

Calculation of deficiency owed:  $(\$1400.00) - (\$650.00) = \$750.00$

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. A duplicate of this letter is attached for this purpose.

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Respectfully submitted,

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